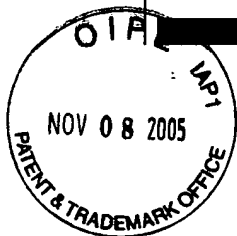


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Re: **Notice of Allowance Mailed November 3, 2005**
U.S. Serial No. 09/163,199 – Filing Date: September 30, 1998
Our File No. 9319T-000268
and
Office Action
U.S. Serial No. 10/314,453

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a duplicate Notice of Allowance for application No. 09/163,199 and and an Office Action for application No. 10/314,453 that was erroneously attached to the duplicate Notice of Allowance.

Please feel free to contact our office if you should have any questions or concerns.

Very truly yours,

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APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
09/163,199	09/30/1998	HITOSHI FUKUSHIMA	04783/026901	9722

TITLE OF INVENTION: MANUFACTURE OF A MICROSENSOR DEVICE AND A METHOD FOR EVALUATING THE FUNCTION OF A LIQUID BY THE USE THEREOF

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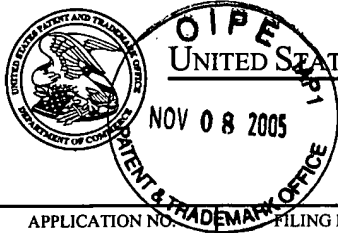
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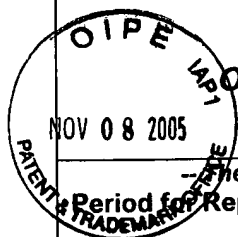
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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

NAIR ET AL.

Examiner

Thomas D. Bradrick

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 02 August 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-28 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1-14 and 26-28 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 15-25 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 29 April 2003.
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claims 1-28 are pending. Claims 15-25 are considered on the merits. Claims 1-14 and 26-28 are withdrawn from consideration as being drawn to a non-elected invention.

Applicants' election of species in the reply filed on 2 August 2005 is acknowledged. All species were searched.

Election/Restrictions

Applicant's election with traverse of Claims 15-25 in the reply filed on 2 August 2005 is acknowledged. The traversal is on the ground(s) that, as maintained by applicant, it would not constitute an undue burden to search all the claims of Groups I, II and III together as they relate to a particular product and methods for making and using said product, respectively. This is not found to be persuasive. An undue burden would ensue from the examination of multiple methods that have distinct steps and end points. Burden lies not only in the search of US Patents, but also in the search for literature and foreign patents and examination of the claim language and specification for compliance with the statutes concerning new matter, distinctness and scope of enablement. Also, a search for the Group I product in the patent and nonpatent literature would most likely not reveal the claimed method for making a porous structure (Group II) because (as was previously stated in the original restriction requirement) the latter method does not necessarily produce the former product.

The requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore made FINAL.

Priority

Applicant's claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) is acknowledged. However, the provisional application upon which priority is claimed fails to provide adequate support under 35 U.S.C. 112 for claims 18-25 of this application. The provisional application only provides support for the use of alginic acid (a carboxylated polysaccharide) as a polymer molecule (claim 18); glycine, lysine and norleucine as amino acids (claim 19); and a pore size range of 10 to 50 μm (claims 20 and 21). No support is provided for any range in the ratio of polymer molecule-to-amino acid molecules (claims 22 and 23), for the aphron including biologically active molecules (claim 24) or for the amino acid molecules to be linked prior to the aphron being frozen and lyophilized (claim 25).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claim 24 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being incomplete for omitting essential steps, such omission amounting to a gap between the steps. See MPEP § 2172.01. The omitted steps are: how and at what point the biologically active molecules are to be added or attached to the structural framework. No steps in the claimed method of making are directed to that process.

Claim 24 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant

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regards as the invention. It is unclear what constitutes a biologically active molecule. Is it a hormone? A growth factor? Hemoglobin? Applicant has not defined this term.

Claim 25 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being incomplete for omitting essential steps, such omission amounting to a gap between the steps. See MPEP § 2172.01. The omitted steps are: the linking together of the amino acid molecules either in the frozen or pre-frozen aphron, or before the making of the aphron. No steps in the claimed method of making a biodegradable porous structure are directed to that process.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 15-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bell *et al.* [A]) in view of Sebba [U].

Claims 15-25 are drawn to a method of making a biodegradable, porous structure comprising the steps of (a) making an aphron from a population of molecules selected from the group consisting of (i) biodegradable polymer molecules and (ii) a mixture of amino acid molecules and polymer molecules; (b) freezing the aphron in a mold; and (c) lyophilizing the frozen porous structure (claim 15). The method is further specified to comprise the step of covalently linking at least some of the amino acid

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molecules (claim 16), and to adapting the structure to physically support the growth of living cells (claim 17). Claims 18 and 19 specify that the polymer and amino acid molecules be selected from the members of certain groups, respectively, while claims 20-23 limit the average diameter of the structure's interconnected spaces and the ratio of polymer to amino acid molecules. Claim 24 specifies that the lyophilized porous structure further comprise biologically active molecules attached to the structural framework, while claim 25 specifies that some of the amino acid molecules in the frozen and molded porous structure be linked to other amino acid molecules.

Bell *et al.* [A] disclose methods whereby a biopolymer solution is polymerized to form a gel that is freeze-dried and crosslinked with ultraviolet radiation to form a biopolymer foam. The foam is filled with a collagen solution and the combination is freeze-dried, or the foam is filled with a collagen solution containing extracellular matrix particulates and that combination is freeze-dried, thereby forming a foam to which extracellular matrix particulates are attached [Abstract]. Suitable biopolymers (which are nontoxic and bioabsorbable) include collagen, alginic acid, polyvinyl alcohol, and proteins such as laminin, fibronectin and fibrinogen activated with thrombin to form fibrin [col. 2, l. 5 ff]. The foams can be created in the form of strips, sheets, tubes and other shapes in the form of tissues or body parts to be replaced. Extracellular matrix particulates (to which cell growth factors are attached) can be bonded to the biopolymers [col. 2, l. 22 ff and l. 62 ff]. Bell *et al.* [A] do not disclose that the foam be an aphron or that it include amino acid molecules that are subsequently linked together

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covalently. Bell *et al.* [A] also do not specify the pore size of the foam or the ratio of polymer molecules to amino acid molecules.

Sebba [U] discloses a device for generating suspensions of micron-sized bubbles called colloidal gas aphrons.

It therefore would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to substitute the method of making a colloidal gas aphron of Sebba [U] for the method of making a biopolymer foam of the primary reference (Bell *et al.* [A]) in order to arrive at the first step in the method of making a biodegradable porous structure of the instant application. This would constitute the substitution of a reasonable equivalent. The resulting aphron could then, with a reasonable expectation of success, be filled with a collagen solution that included extracellular matrix particles, formed into a desired shape and freeze-dried to obtain the method of the instant application. As it is obvious to change the order of addition of ingredients (MPEP 2144.04 IV.C.), the covalently-linked amino acid molecules of the instant application could be added to the initial mixture prior to forming the aphron, and would constitute the substitution of a reasonable equivalent for the collagen component of the primary reference (Bell *et al.* [A]). The average diameter of the interconnected spaces and the ratio of polymer to amino acid molecules could all be determined by a reasonable amount of experimentation. The claimed subject matter fails to patentably distinguish over the state of the art as represented by the cited references. Therefore, claims 15-25 are properly rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103.

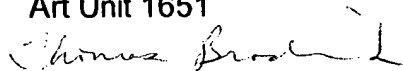
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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, M. Wityshyn can be reached on (571) 272-0926. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Thomas Bradrick
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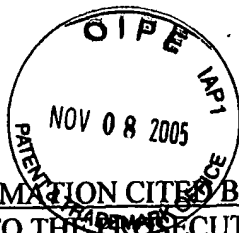
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Title: BIODEGRADABLE, POROUS STRUCTURES USEFUL FOR GROWING
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Thomas Brosinski

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